

(c) Under the Levy Order, there is a suitable provision enabling the grower to urge for reduction of levy under certain circumstances. Such requests will be considered according to merits.

### LEVY OF FOODGRAINS

620. SRI D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—

Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state.—

(a) the target fixed for procurement of foodgrains for the current year;

(b) the foodgrains on which levy is imposed and their rate per acre.,

(c) the target achieved so far (foodgrains itemwise).,

(d) the purchase rate per item of foodgrains per quintal and their respective rates in the open market ?

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests) —

(a) Paddy, Jowar and Ragi are being procured under the levy orders. The targets fixed during the current year are as hereunder.—

Paddy	...	3.50 lakh tonnes (including 1 lakh tonnes out of open market purchase)
Jowar	...	0.65 lakh tonnes
Ragi	...	0.35 lakh tonnes

(b) (i) Paddy, Jowar and Ragi

(ii) For rates of levy *vide* statement placed on the Table of the House\*

(c) *Targets achieved as on 26-2-1973.*

Paddy	...	1,34,716 tonnes including open market purchases.
Jowar	...	1,045 tonnes
Ragi	..	180 tonnes

(d) ...

Procurement Rates			Open market rates as on 26-2-74	
Per Qtl.			Per Qtl.	
(as per report received from the Chief Marketing Officer)				
Paddy	...	Coarse Rs. 70		Rs 95
		(Standard)		
		Medium Rs. 75	From Rs. 108 to	Rs. 125
		Fine Rs. 80	From Rs. 112 to	Rs. 135
		Super fine Rs. 85	From Rs. 118 to	Rs. 128
Jowar	...	Rs 70	From Rs. 98 to	Rs. 122
Ragi	...	Rs. 70	From Rs. 106 to	Rs. 140

### LEVY OF FOODGRAINS IN ARSIKERE TALUK

121. SRI H. S. SIDDAPPA (Arsikere).—

Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to the state —

(a) the authority to fix the quantity of levy of foodgrains.

(b) whether it is a fact that the local officers are harassing the people with notices of indiscriminate "levy" of ragi in Arsikere Taluk.

(c) the quantity of ragi fixed per acre in respect of ragi., whether it is on the yield per acre or fixed indiscriminately.

(d) who is the revising authority of this indiscriminate "levy" and the powers of the local officers including the Deputy Commissioner in this respect?

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—

(a) The Enforcement Officer appointed by the Deputy Commissioner of the District for a specified area and where no such person has been so appointed, the Revenue Inspector of the Circle having jurisdiction.

(b) No.

(c) It is fixed according to the yield at the scale prescribed in the Karnataka Ragi Procurement (Levy) Order, 1973.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply furnished to clause (c) as it is clear that the levy demand proposed is not indiscriminate.